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Astragalus Plattensis, var. *Tennesseensis*, is also common here.
Ottawa, Ill. H. L. BOLTWOOD.

§ 90. **Florida Ferns.**—Mr. A. H. Curtiss, Jacksonville, Fla., has sent us a set of his second fascicle of Southern Ferns. The specimens have the perfection for which Mr. Curtiss's preparations are famous, and, as will be seen by the following enumeration, are of particular interest: 1. *Pteris longifolia*, L.; 2. *P. Cretica*, L.; 3. *P. aquilina*, var. *caudata*, the specimen consisting of lowest divisions of lowest branches of plants 6–8 feet high; 4. *P. serrulata*, L. f., from the grounds of Charleston College; 5. *Adiantum Capillus-Veneris*, L.; 6. *Asplenium dentatum*, L.; 7. *A. firmum*, Kunze; 8. *A. parvulum*, Mart. & Gale.; 9. *A. myriophyllum*, Presl; 10. The unheralded *Aspidium trifoliatum*, Swz., from Western Florida; and, 11. *Aneimia adiantifolia*, Swz.

The price of the set, post paid, is \$1.50, 25 cents off for extra copies in one package. Mr. Curtiss also offers a second series of his first fascicle, minus *Ceratopteris*, nearly all from different localities, for \$1.25.

§ 91. **Botanical Literature.**—*The Marine Algae of New England and Adjacent Coast.* By W. G. Farlow, M.D. (Reprinted from Report of U. S. Fish Commission) 8vo, pp. 210, with 15 plates. Washington, 1881.—This long needed addition to our cryptogamic literature, although originally presented as a "report," is in reality a manual, which, in a compact and more or less popular form, gives descriptions of the different orders and species of sea-weeds (exclusive of the Diatoms) found on our coast between Eastport, Me., and the State of New Jersey; and, by means of which, any person visiting the seashore within the limits just named can readily determine any of the forms that may be found. To facilitate the work of determination, and to enable amateurs who are little or not at all acquainted with our sea-weeds to ascertain with some degree of accuracy the genera to which the collected specimens are to be referred, an artificial key to genera is appended to the descriptive portion of the text. Following the introduction, which gives a résumé of the literature relating to American marine algae and an account of the distribution of our species, there is a short but comprehensive sketch of the general structure and classification of sea-weeds, which will prove of special value to the student, inasmuch as there is no generally accessible book in the English language which gives a good account of the modern views of classification and structure of these cryptogams. This portion of the work concludes with full directions for collecting and preparing sea-weeds, and then follow the descriptions of the orders, genera and species. The descriptions of the species are exceedingly perspicuous, and, in framing them, it has evidently been the author's intention, by avoiding technicality, to make his work as valuable to the amateur collector as to the scientific botanist.

No one who contemplates visiting the coast for the purpose of collecting marine algae can well afford to go unprovided with this work, which, we are informed, has been placed on sale at Mr. Geo. A. Bates's Naturalists' Bureau, Salem. Mass.